GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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HELICOPTER SERVICES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pawan Hans Helicopter Limited is providing helicopter services for Amarnath Yatra from Valtal and Pahalgam to Panjtarni;

(b) if so, the number of helicopters flying from both the places;

(c) whether Pawan Hans Helicopter Company has outsourced its job to private companies;

(d) if so, the per person fare fixed and being charged from both the places;

(e) the reasons for the difference in fare;

(f) the basis on which work has been outsourced to private companies alongwith the names of the companies which had applied for the contract; and

(g) the reasons due to which some of the companies were not awarded the contract?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a):- Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited (PHHL) has been awarded contract for operation of helicopter services for two years by Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB) from Baltal to Panjtarni and return. No contract for helicopter services from Pahlagam to Panjtarni has been awarded to PHHL.

(b):- PHHL has deployed 2 light helicopters for flying from Baltal to Panjtarni and return.

(c):- PHHL has not outsourced its job of helicopter operations to private companies. However work in respect of (a) agency for supply of manpower for handling passengers at Baltal and Panjtarani and (b) for ticketing agents at Jammu & Srinagar, Pawan Hans has outsourced to private companies.

(d):- The one way fare for Baltal - Panjtarni or Panjtarni - Baltal sector is Rs. 2,425/- per adult passenger and Rs. 1,212.50/- per child. No fare is charged for infants upto the age of 02 years. The above passenger fare has been fixed by Shri Amarnath Shrine Board and the same is being charged from the passengers at both the places at Baltal and Panjtarni.

(e):- Does not arise.

(f):-In respect of agency for supply of manpower for passenger handling work, after following open tender process, the work has been awarded to M/s CDIL Pvt. Ltd., which was the only Company that applied against the tender and even after extension of time for submission of open tenders there was no other bids. In respect of ticketing agents at Jammu region and Srinagar Region as per directions of the SASB, 03 agents for each region were to be appointed.

In the open tender process, the following companies/ firm had submitted their bids for (A) Srinagar (i) M/s. Shangloo Travel Pvt. Ltd.; (ii) M/s Shiraz Travels; (iii) M/s. Center Tour & Travels; (iv) M/s. International Tours & Travels; and (v) M/s. Arunima Aviation & Charters Pvt. Ltd. and for (B) Jammu (i) M/s. Trikuta Travels & Planners;(ii) M/s. Vaishno Devi Helicopter; (iii) M/s. Concessionaire Documentations India (P) Ltd.

(g):- In respect of tender for ticketing agents, since the Shrine Board had specified that for Jammu & Srinagar regions there would be maximum 03 agents each, accordingly, the selection of the agents was made. In respect of the tender for ticketing agent, the agents who did not meet the tender criteria were automatically rejected. Further out of the agents who were qualified as per tender criteria and also have achieved highest ranking as per tender criteria were selected and awarded the contract.